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PREFACE

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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

Danville, Illinois, which is located in Vermilion County, has grown very rapidly in population during the past two decades. With this increase in size and population, and, along with the fact that most people enjoy more leisure time than ever before, it has become necessary for the city to provide facilities, programming, personnel, and financing for the purpose of recreation. In view of the number of persons affected and the total amount of expenditures, it was felt that a survey of recreation in and near the city of Danville would be of interest and importance.

This study was not confined to just the public recreation found in the city of Danville, but, it also includes information concerning semi-public, private, and commercial recreation. Nor is the study confined to the city limits of Danville. Various recreational facilities lie within easy access to the average citizen of Danville. These facilities have been included in this study.

The purpose of this paper is to survey recreation in and near the city of Danville. This paper does not intend to give the specific detail of all the facilities, programming, personnel, and financing concerning recreation in and near this city. It deals, in general, with all of

these things, with most emphasis placed on city recreation departments and park departments, personnel, programming, financing, and jurisdiction.

To better acquaint the reader with the city of Danville, the following information, compiled by the Chamber of Commerce, has been included:

Danville, Illinois, county seat of Vermilion County, is located in the eastern part of the state, six miles from the Indiana state line and 124 miles due south of Chicago, Illinois. It is essentially a focal point of trade and industry - is located in the middle of the corn belt, a few miles from the center of population of the United States. In addition, Danville might be defined as being located in the geographic center of the great Mississippi Valley.

It has an estimated population of 43,388 and an area of 9.25 square miles. The assessed valuation (1957) of the city is \$103,943,150, and the assessed valuation (1957) of Vermilion County is \$273,981,499. Danville contains approximately 12,000 homes, and has eighty-eight churches representing thirty-two denominations. Predominately an industrial city, it has 126 industrial plants, which employ 13,976 workers and have an annual payroll of \$60,536,057.

It has two newspapers, two radio stations, and one television station. It is serviced by three railroads, one airport, and numerous state and federal highways.

In the realm of education, it contains thirty-one schools (two high, six parochial, twenty grade, one junior college, one business college), which enroll a total of 9,518 students and hire 366 teachers.

The town was christened "Danville" in honor of its first settler, and came into official being

on April 10, 1827. It was incorporated as a city and organized under the aldermanic form of government in 1869. The commission form of government it now has was adopted in 1927.¹

¹Danville Chamber of Commerce, Interesting Facts about Danville, Illinois (Danville, Ill., 1958), p. 3.

CHAPTER II

AREAS AND FACILITIES

I. PUBLIC

City Parks. Danville, Illinois, has nine city parks, well distributed to meet the needs of all city residents. Each park is equipped with a children's playground, and three have "tot lots." Each park has tennis courts and accommodations for picnicking. Three have dancing pavilions and baseball grounds. Douglass Park offers a special commercialized amusement park for children.

Below is listed each park, giving a brief description of its facilities:

1. Lincoln Park. Lincoln Park has a well-equipped playground, two unlighted softball fields, dancing pavilion, outdoor theater with seating, refreshment stand, "tot lots," very fine tennis courts where the Illinois and Indiana Tennis Association meets are held, and accommodations for picnicking.

2. Garfield Park. This park has two large, well-equipped playgrounds, one "tot lot," pavilion, outdoor stage and seating, refreshment stand, full-sized baseball field with permanent bleachers, two unlighted softball diamonds, tennis courts, and accommodations for picnicking.

3. Ellsworth Park. This park is bordered by North Fork and Salt Fork Rivers, which provide very fine fishing. It has one playground, and a lighted softball diamond with temporary bleachers.

4. Douglass Park. This park has a fine playground area, "tot lot," tennis courts, dancing pavilion, unlighted softball diamond, outdoor theater with seating, and accommodations for picnicking. It also boasts a commercialized playland for children from two to twelve years of age, with carnival-type rides for an admission price of ten cents.

5. Carver Park. This park has a playground, two unlighted softball parks, tennis courts, and a "tot lot".

6. Fair Oaks. This has a playground, one softball field, and one baseball field.

7. Cannon Park. This has only a small playground, with swings, slides, and teeter-totters.

8. Meade Park. This has only a small playground.

Kickapoo State Park. The State Park offers recreation and historical exploration. This 2,000 acre region abounds in hundreds of lakes, which offer bathing, swimming, and boating. Camping and picnicking can be enjoyed, as the park is well equipped with outdoor ovens. There is a clubhouse and pavilion for dancing located on the grounds. Model airplane meets are often held on the large grassy lots. There are also, of course, several play areas for children,

well-equipped with playground equipment. "Kickapoo" is the third largest park in the state.

National Guard Rifle Range. This is an area used primarily for use by National Guard companies from throughout the state to fire small arms. It is used by many citizens as a place to practice marksmanship and other related activities. It also contains a large area of timberland used extensively by hunters.

Harrison Park (Municipal). This park consists of 235 acres of wooded hills and valleys and is a scene of great beauty the year 'round. It offers golfing in the summer and bob-sledding in the winter. Picnicking is encouraged. A "green fee" is charged for golfing. It has a "pro" shop, and also a banquet hall which can be rented by any organization for banquets, proms, receptions, etc.

Danville Fairgrounds. The Fairgrounds offers facilities for picnicking by large gatherings, in addition to boasting one of the finest swimming pools in the state. A small amusement park is located on the grounds, as well as a skating rink. The Fairgrounds also contains the necessary facilities for conducting a fair, and maintains a stock car racing track.

Lake Vermilion. The lake is an impounded body of deep, spring-fed, fresh water - is approximately eight

miles long and three-fourth mile wide, covering 1,516 acres of land. It is the source of the city's water supply. Lake Vermilion has facilities for swimming, boating, and fishing. Swimming is permitted in supervised areas only. There are numerous homes on its banks, as well as privately-owned club houses and buildings. Most homes and all clubs have facilities for all types of water activity. The lake also offers facilities for camping, and its wooded shorelines are used for various types of hunting during season.

Danville Stadium. Danville Stadium is an ex-minor league baseball park. It is equipped with lighting for night baseball. It has permanent bleacher seating, with a capacity for four to five thousand spectators. It has a small playground outside the stadium wall and has several large parking areas. The diamond is used by the Pony League and by the Danville Boosters, a well organized baseball team, which plays travelling professional baseball teams on each Saturday night throughout the summer.

Public Library. The library is located at 307 North Vermilion Street. It is open to the public the year 'round, both morning and afternoon. It contains approximately 82,500 volumes, and provides all the customary services of

a public library.

Veterans Administration. The Veterans Administration Hospital is used for the treatment of mental patients. The grounds comprise a total of 329.18 acres, beautifully landscaped. It contains a softball field, golf course, and gymnasium. These can be used by the Recreation Department when not in use by the hospital for rehabilitation purposes.

Sears Recreation Center. The Sears Center is a building located on the Garfield Park grounds, and houses the offices of the Danville Recreation Department. It serves also as a supply house, and has facilities for dancing, crafts, and indoor games.

Youth Center. This is located on the second floor of the Y.M.C.A. building, and has facilities for games, dancing, and other related activities. The Recreation Department pays a rental fee for use of this center, and provides a twelve month program open to the public.

School Playgrounds. There are twenty grade schools in Danville and one high school that are public. The grade schools all have playgrounds, three of which are organized playgrounds, used by the Recreation Department in the summer. All of these grade schools leave their

playground equipment in place for use during the summer. The high school facilities are not used and are kept locked at all times, with the exception of one practice field used for baseball and football. This field is located two blocks away from the main school building. There is no organized activity on these fields. The gymnasiums of these schools are used by the Recreation Department in the winter, but only on a rental basis.

Vermilion County Airport. The airport covers 400 acres and has thirty "T" hangars, one large hangar, two paved landing strips (4,000 feet long), and also has an administration building. Chartered flights, airplane rides, and private instruction are available. Many private plane owners use the airport regularly. The airport is used by two commercial airlines, Ozark and Lake Central.

II. PRIVATE

Schools, Parochial. There are seven parochial schools in Danville, six grade schools and one high school. The playground equipment of the grade schools is left in place during the summer, but the playgrounds are not organized. The high school facilities are not used. There are no special programs offered by these schools during the summer; but, of course, they have the normal school activities during the regular school year.

Sportsman's Club. This is located on the east side of Lake Vermilion, and offers facilities for picnicking, as well as a beach for the convenience of swimmers and sunbathers. A boat dock, fishing facilities, and other water activities' facilities are available. A clubhouse is located on the site. It serves food and soft drinks.

Gao Grotto. This is located on the west side of Lake Vermilion, and contains a sanded beach for sunbathers and swimmers. Facilities are available for all types of water activities. A large clubhouse houses a dining room, ballroom, and refreshment room.

Kickapoo Archery Club. The club owns ground for archery tournaments, also grounds for picnicking, and a clubhouse. It holds archery meets regularly for its members, and twice yearly holds tournaments for archers from all states.

Flying Shingles. This club owns and operates water skiing facilities and facilities for most other water activity. Contests are held regularly, and meets are held for skiers from all parts of the United States.

Danville Country Club. This country club maintains an eighteen-hole golf course, "Swimming Bowl," and a clubhouse for its members. Picnicking is encouraged. The club is a site for many parties and dances.

Vermilion Hills Country Club. Danville's newest country club is still in the process of being organized. However, it already has a swimming pool open to its members. There are also areas available for picnicking.

The Pollywog Association. The club is located approximately three miles southwest of Danville in an old coal strip-mining area. It contains 500 acres of wooded lands, innumerable ponds and lakes, providing the very finest in boating, fishing, and hunting. It has many privately-owned cabins, and maintains a large clubhouse for banquets and special occasions. It is open only to its two hundred club members and their guests.

Churches. Danville has eighty-two churches, and all maintain buildings which are used for various church activities. Young Couples' Clubs, Men's Clubs, Ladies Aids, Altar Guilds, and Walther Leagues are but a few of the societies making use of these facilities.

Danville Boat Club. This club is located on the east side of Lake Vermilion, and offers facilities for picnicking and a beach for the convenience of swimmers and sunbathers. A boat dock, fishing facilities, and other water facilities are available. A clubhouse is located on the grounds, which serves food and soft drinks.

Jaycees' Park. This is located on the west side of Lake Vermilion, and contains twelve acres of sandy beach and

picnic area. The club maintains boating facilities and a concession stand.

Western Riders Association. The Western Riders maintain a two-acre plot of ground on the north edge of Danville. Located on this plot is a corral and show ring.

American Legion. The Legion maintains three lighted baseball parks for Little League activity. There is a clubhouse for its members, which is also used to help the Little Leaguers run their summer program.

General Electric. This Danville industry maintains a baseball park for use by the Danville Pony League and the Danville Little League.

Producers Dairy. The dairy maintains a baseball park for use by the Pony League and the Little League.

General Motors Corporation. Central Foundry Division, General Motors Corporation, just one mile south of Danville, maintains a baseball park for use by the Little League and the Pony League.

III. COMMERCIAL

Bowling Alleys. There are four bowling alleys located in Danville: "The Bowling Ball," 436 East Main Street; "Bulan's Bowling," 1436 Warrington Avenue; "Jenkin's Bowling Alley," 122-1/2 North Vermilion Street; "Lincoln

Lanes," Corner Harrison and Franklin Streets. All have modern equipment and facilities. All of these alleys have various bowling leagues which use the facilities. Leagues are composed of industrial groups, church groups, and private teams.

Miniature Golf. There is one miniature golf course called the "Put-Put," located on the Georgetown Road. Besides the course itself, there is a concession stand and lounging area for spectators and for players waiting their turn on the course.

Skating Rinks. Three fine roller-skating rinks are located in Danville. They are: "The Illini," Brewer Road; "Pop's Skating Rink," Daisy Lane; "The Danville Fairgrounds Rink," Fowler Avenue. All are open twelve months a year.

Theaters. Danville has six theaters, three of which are drive-in theaters, and are located in or near the city. The three indoor theaters are located within the business district of the city.

Dance Studios. There are two dance studios in Danville which give instructions in all types of dancing. Several times a year they present dance reviews, held in the city parks, and open to the public.

WDAN Grounds. The grounds surrounding the WDAN-TV transmitter and studio are used extensively by an astronomy

club. There are several telescopes with which they map movements of the stars and trace movements of the earth's satellites.

IV. SEMI-PUBLIC

Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. Both of these have indoor swimming pools, gymnasiums, game rooms, cafeterias, and other such facilities usually found in organizations of this type. The director of the Y.M.C.A. - Y.W.C.A. is responsible for the care and maintenance. Facilities are available for all ages.

Girl Scout Camp. The Girl Scouts maintain a camp on Lake Vermilion, where facilities for boating, camping, and other water sports are available. They also rent facilities from various other agencies. There are about 1,200 girls participating in the scouting program. Money is obtained from individual troops, and, also from the United Fund.

CHAPTER III

PERSONNEL AND PROGRAM

I. PUBLIC

Danville Recreation Department. Danville has a Recreation Board appointed by the mayor and approved by the council. The Recreation Board hires two superintendents of recreation, one for the summer program and one for the winter program. The superintendents' main functions are that of planning, programming, and hiring.

1. Summer Personnel. In the summer program, the Recreation Department employs fifteen playground leaders. These leaders receive weekly salaries of from \$50.00 to \$75.00, depending on experience and number of hours worked. The playground leaders are on duty from 9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M., with one hour off for lunch.

Besides the playground leaders, they employ one dance instructor, two tennis instructors, one handicraft instructor, and one instructor for the mentally retarded. All of them travel from park to park.

2. Summer Program. The Recreation Department provides leaders and programming for eight playgrounds. There will be no attempt to discuss the various activities on the playgrounds, as most are in the realm of free play, with the

playground leaders providing supervision. They also teach new games, and help in every way they can to make the child's visit to the playground an enjoyable one. In addition to the organized playground, the Recreation Department supervises three "tot lots," which are located at Cannon Park, Reed Park, and Elmwood School.

The dance instructor teaches both square and round dancing, and plans scheduled dances for the various parks.

The handicraft instructor teaches arts and crafts, such as beadwork, leatherwork, etc.

Tournaments between the playgrounds are organized in softball and tennis, and are handled by the playground leaders and tennis instructors, respectively.

Organization of the city softball leagues is also handled by the Recreation Department. It schedules games and umpires, but collections taken up at the games pay for the cost of the games. There are three leagues: the Open League, the Industrial League, and the Church League. Games are usually scheduled twice weekly.

Danville has four baseball leagues: the Little League, the Pony League, the Rookie League, and the Twilight League. These leagues use the facilities of the various parks. Uniforms and entry fees are paid for by the organization sponsoring the individual teams. Each league helps to

pay its own way by taking donations at games. Each also receives money from the proceeds of the games played by the "Boosters," a semi-pro team playing against fine travelling professional teams. Admissions are charged for these games, and the proceeds are distributed among the four baseball leagues. The organization and scheduling for these leagues are not handled by the Recreation Department, but are handled by a Board of Commissioners who volunteer their services. One thousand boys are active in the four leagues.

3. Winter Personnel. The Recreation Department hires a different superintendent of recreation in the winter than it does in the summer. The superintendent hires three people who work at the Youth Center. One maintenance man is employed to maintain Sears Center. This is the only permanent personnel they have. However, they hire eighteen officials for the three basketball leagues that run during the winter.

4. Winter Program. The winter program is very limited. There are three winter basketball leagues: the Open League, in which any team may enter; the Military League, made up of teams from the various Reserve units; the Industrial League, sponsored by the various industrial plants. The Recreation Department charges an entry fee of \$85.00 per team. This money is used to help hire officials,

timers and scorekeepers, and to pay rental for the gyms in which the games are played. The officials are each paid \$4.00 a game, and there are two games a night. The scorer and timer each are paid \$5.00 a night. All games are played in the grade school gyms, and the rental for any of these is \$17.50 per night.

The Youth Center, located in the Y.M.C.A., is open two nights a week. Activities held here are: dancing, ping-pong, checkers, and card-playing. Any youth in the county is accepted, and a fee of ten cents is charged as admission.

This year, the Recreation Department, with the help of the Park Department, is going to attempt to flood the tennis courts for ice-skating. This has never before been done in Danville, and they are a bit uncertain as to the outcome.

Danville Park Department. The Park Department is concerned mainly with maintenance. But, it does carry on some programming. It hires a superintendent of parks, who is concerned only with maintenance. However, the Commissioner of Parks hires various personnel to assist him in running the program. These persons are not full-time employees, but are hired only as the program demands. For example, someone might be hired to run a movie projector for one night each week. Or, someone might be employed to emcee a variety show for one night only.

1. Park Program. The Park Department provides moving pictures in each park once a week during the summer. They also hold a variety night once a week during the summer, with local amateur talent providing most of the contestants. Teen-age dances are held every Friday night.

In late August the department holds its annual "Fall Festival," which is the grand finale of the summer program of the Park Department. This festival includes the winners of all previous variety nights. It usually consists of singing, dancing, and similar acts.

The Park Department has no winter program.

The Municipal Band. The Municipal Band is controlled by the Commissioner of Parks. However, it is included separately here because it has a budget of its own, which runs in excess of \$19,000.00. The Commissioner of Parks appoints a band director who takes charge of the band for the summer months. It presents a band concert one night a week, alternating at various parks. It also plays at special occasions - such as parades, welcoming celebrations, etc.

II. SEMI-PUBLIC

There are many semi-public agencies which have a large part in the picture of recreation in Danville.

It would be impractical to attempt to cover all the activities of the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Rural Youth, Farm Bureau, Home Bureau, and the many other semi-public agencies; however, below are brief resumes on two typical semi-public agencies. It is important to note that these agencies do exist and do provide recreation, without help from the Recreation Department and Park Department.

Boy Scouts. There are approximately 1,500 boys in the scouting program in the city of Danville. They obtain money from their own companies, and also receive money from the United Fund. The money is spent for supplies and programming, much as it is in any scout organization. They rent facilities of various agencies and do not maintain any special facilities of their own.

Farm Bureau and Home Bureau. Both of these agencies are divisions of the United States Department of Agriculture. They are active in the field of recreation, as they are responsible in helping to organize, on the local level, activities among the rural youth of the county. They hold local and state playdays, and organize softball teams, animal judging teams, horseshoe pitching teams, etc. The Home Bureau holds regular meetings in the homes of its members, and is concerned mainly with homemaking activities.

III. PRIVATE

Each of the various private organizations have been listed under the chapter entitled, "Areas and Facilities." But, there are also many pinnochle clubs, bridge clubs, horseshoe clubs, etc. Nearly every reading of the city's daily newspaper, The Danville Commercial News, indicates some type of recreational activity previously unknown to the reader. Undoubtedly, there are many and varied types of private recreation. The private organizations which carry on an obvious part in recreation have been listed.

IV. COMMERCIAL

The nature of commercial agencies is well understood by everyone, so no attempt to discuss the personnel or program will be made. It should be remembered that, even though the commercial agencies do play a part in the total recreation program, their primary purpose is to derive a profit and not to promote recreation.

V. RECOMMENDATIONS

These are the recommendations suggested in order to improve the program and use of personnel:

1. That the Recreation Board hire one Recreation Superintendent to take charge of the department on a

full-time basis. This would do away with the disadvantage of having one superintendent for the summer and one superintendent for the winter.

2. That the Recreation Superintendent be trained in the field of recreation. (At present, both of the superintendents are physical education men who teach at Danville High School.)

3. That the entire recreation program be delegated to the Recreation Department. This would mean that the Park Department would give up any programming and devote full time to maintaining facilities. The Recreation Department could then devote full time to programming.

4. That the programming of the Municipal Band be handled by the Recreation Department. This would help to consolidate all of the program planning under one head, that of the Recreation Superintendent.

CHAPTER IV

ORGANIZATION OF PUBLIC RECREATION

The city of Danville passed an ordinance, by referendum, which went into effect in 1935, and which provides for the creation of a Recreation Board and Recreation Department. It lists the rights and duties, methods of financing, etc. of these boards and departments.

The ordinance, known as Ordinance No. 20, derives its jurisdiction from Chapter 24, Article 57, Section 1-10 of the Illinois Revised Statutes of 1957, or the so-called Enabling Acts.²

On the following page is a diagram showing the organization of public recreation in Danville as it is today. Your attention is called to the following points, which are not self-explanatory on the diagram.

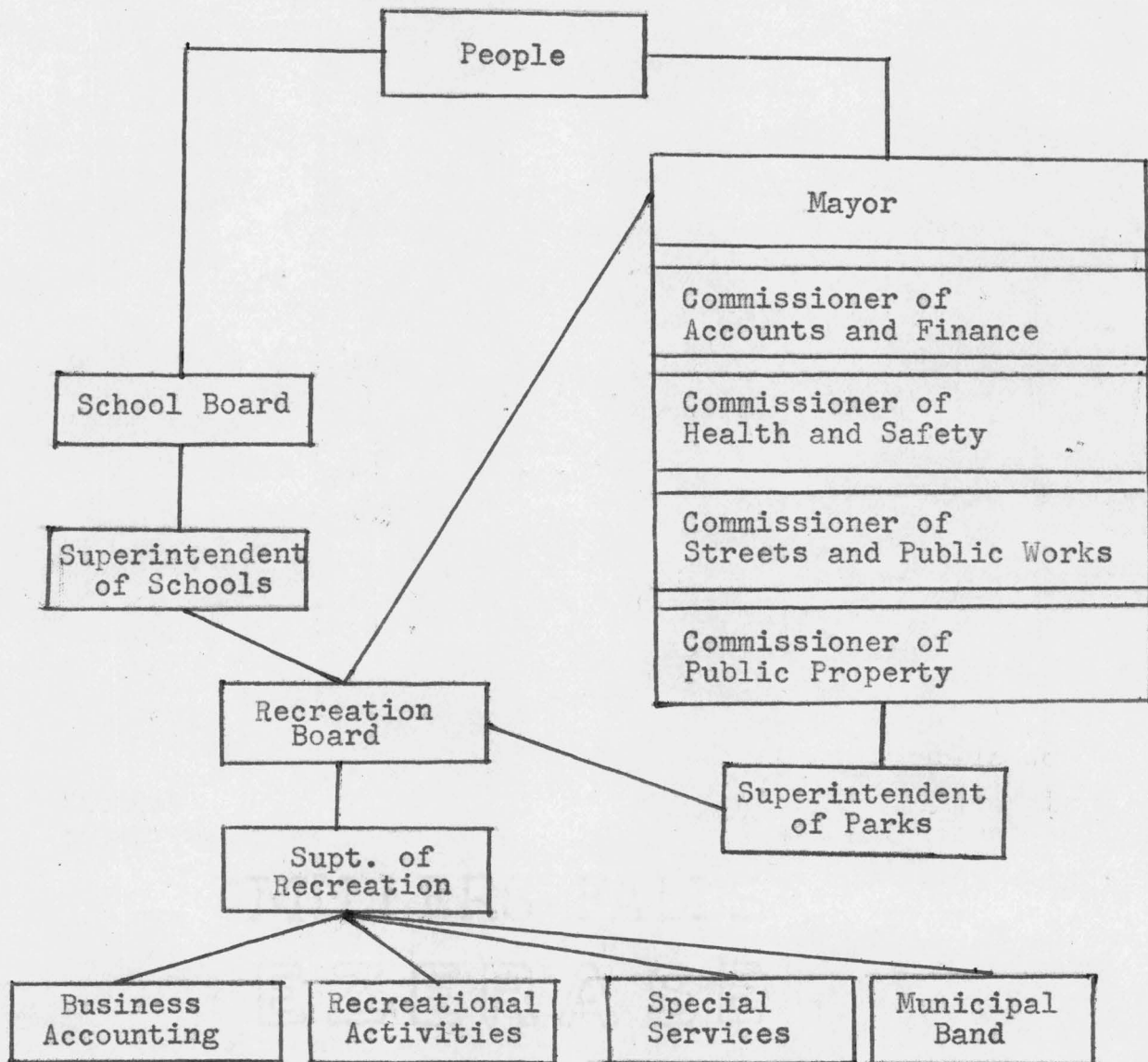
1. The Recreation Board is composed of five members, serving staggered terms. They are appointed by the mayor, and appointments are ratified by the council.

2. The Superintendent of Schools is not a member of the Recreation Board, but is used as a consultant.

²Illinois, Revised Statutes, (1957), Art. 57, sec. 1-10.

On the following page is a diagram showing the recommended organization of Public Recreation in Danville. Listed here are the changes that are being recommended, as they may not be obvious on the diagram:

1. One member of the School Board to be included on the Recreation Board. This should help to bring about a better working relationship between the school and the Recreation Department.
2. That one full-time Superintendent of Recreation be hired rather than the two superintendents they now have. This would place all the responsibility for planning and organizing the recreational facilities under one man.
3. That the Park Superintendent be on the Recreation Board. This should bring about a better working relationship between the Park Department, which furnishes facilities, and the Recreation Department.
4. That the Municipal Band be included under the Recreation Department. This would reduce cost and expedite programming.

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PUBLIC RECREATION FOR DANVILLE

CHAPTER V

FINANCING OF PUBLIC RECREATION

The following table shows the tax rate of the Municipal Band, Recreation Department and Park Department, along with the anticipated amount of money they can expect.

TABLE 1
TAX RATE AND INCOME

<u>Department</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Anticipated Income</u>
Municipal Band	.0185	\$ 19,226.00
Recreation Dept.	.023	23,907.00
Park Dept.	.065	65,474.00

The law provides a maximum tax rate that each of these departments can levy; but, at the present time, none are living up to their legal limits. For example, the Recreation Department could levy up to .0667, as provided by the Enabling Acts.

The special taxes listed above are included in and collected with the general tax. Each department then makes out a budget and sends it to the City Council, which must approve it and appropriate the money.

Below are included the budgets of the Park
Department, Recreation Department, and the Municipal Band.

TABLE 2

BUDGET OF PARK DEPARTMENT

Salary of Park Superintendent	\$ 4,608.00
Salary of Park Employees	49,500.00
Maintenance of Harrison Golf Course and buildings	4,500.00
Telephone	50.00
Gas and Oil	1,000.00
Gasoline, Oil, Tires, and Repairs to Equipment	4,500.00
Insurance on Building	2,000.00
Tools and Incidentals	1,200.00
Interest on Tax Anticipation Warrants	600.00
New Playground Equipment	4,500.00
Repairs on Playground Equipment	1,500.00
Repairs on Park Buildings	5,000.00
Compensation Insurance	1,500.00
Improvement to Park Grounds	10,000.00
Electrical Maintenance on Public Property	1,500.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	2,000.00
New Machinery	2,000.00
Repairs to Machinery	2,000.00
Maintenance, Danville Stadium	2,500.00
Insurance, Danville Stadium	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total	\$ 101,458.00

TABLE 3

BUDGET OF RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Salaries of Personnel	\$ 16,500.00
Supplies	1,500.00
Maintenance and Repairs	1,000.00
Insurance	350.00
Lights, Heat, and Telephone	500.00
Travel Expense	500.00
Rentals	7,000.00
Miscellaneous	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total	\$ 28,350.00

TABLE 4
BUDGET OF MUNICIPAL BAND

Twenty-Seven Municipal Concerts @ \$440.00 Each ..\$	11,880.00
Sheet Music	1,000.00
Care and Repair of Uniforms	400.00
Drayage	750.00
Rent on Band Hall	900.00
Janitor Services	200.00
Insurance	300.00
Concerts for Special Events	2,500.00
Maintenance of Bandstands	1,000.00
Miscellaneous	300.00
Purchase of Sound Equipment	500.00
Total	\$ 19,730.00

Close observation will show that the total amount listed in the budget is more than the anticipated income. The reason for this, as explained to the writer, is simply that it is always wise to ask for more than what you really think you will need. This is what is done by each department when the budget is made out.

RECOMMENDATIONS

These are the suggested recommendations for the financing of public recreation:

1. That the Park Department be concerned only with maintenance, and the Recreation Department be concerned only with programming. Each department could then operate more efficiently, and the city would benefit financially.

2. That no increase in the tax rate be attempted at this time. It will, however, necessitate a tax rate increase to increase the income of the departments by a substantial amount. An attempt to increase the tax rate at this time, however, would probably be rejected by the public.

3. That the schools allow the Recreation Department use of their facilities free of charge when not being used for school functions. About \$7,000.00 of funds allotted to the Recreation Department could be saved if the schools would not ask rentals of their facilities.

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